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ATTENTION: EO/US

TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES ELECTED OFFICE (EO/US) (ENTRY INTO THE U.S. NATIONAL PHASE UNDER CHAPTER II)

International Application No:

PCT/US00/22503

International Filing Date

August 16, 2000 (16 August 2000)

Priority Date Claimed:

August 17, 1999 (17 August 1999)

Title of Invention: Applicants:

Business System Sunil V. Thakur

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Applicants herewith submit to the United States Elected Office (EO/US) the following items under 35 U.S.C. § 371:

- 1. This is an express request to immediately begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. § 371(f)).
- 2. The U.S. National Fee (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(1)) and other fees (37 C.F.R. § 1.492) as indicated below. The fees are calculated on the basis of the number of claims pending following the entry of the claims included in the Preliminary Amendment submitted herewith.

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	Number		Number Extra	Rate	Fee
Total Claims:	37	-20 =	17	x \$9 =	\$153.00
Independent Claims:	8	-3 =	5	x \$42 =	\$210.00
National Fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.492(a)(1))					\$355.00
Total Filing Fee =					\$718.00

Included is a check in the amount of \$718.00. In the event of underpayment or overpayment for the filing of this application, please charge or credit deposit account no. 02-0383.

Applicants hereby assert status as a small entity under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

- 3. A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(2)) has been transmitted by the International Bureau. The date of mailing from the International Bureau was February 22, 2001. The International Application was filed with the United States Receiving Office. A copy of the International Application as filed is included herewith.
- 4. A translation of the International Application into the English language is not required as the application was filed in English.
- 5. A copy of the Response to Invitation to Correct Defects in International Application (filed October 12, 2000), which includes a set of replacement sheets for the drawings of the International Application, is included herewith.
- 6. A copy of the Response to the Written Opinion (filed August 15, 2001), which includes a set of amended claims made under Article 34, is included herewith.
- 7. A copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report is included herewith

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- 8. International Publication No. WO 01/13307 A1, with an attached International Search Report, is included herewith.
 - 9. A preliminary amendment is included herewith.

The above items are being transmitted before 30 months from any claimed priority date.

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/375,934, filed August 17, 1999, and titled "Business System", which is co-pending herewith and was pending at the time of the filing of this International Application on August 16, 2000.

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